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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

There has been much palaver in the press and over the radio about a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. Frankly, we have not been much interested. We have a high regard for Mr. Roosevelt's political shrewdness. The chorus demanding a third term is a paid chorus, that is the job holders under the New Deal, such as Secretaries Ickes, Wallace and Mama Perkins. The ramafications of the paid clique of course include the Democratic machine in Chicago and other cities, where WPA and SRA spend a slather of the tax payers money. Beneficiaries of government spending everywhere do not want to see two-handed prodigality halted. Of course they are for a third term, just as they would be for life term, if it could be done.

But when it comes down to brass tacks, we do not believe Mr. Roosevelt will run unless he is the sole hope of a Democratic victory. Personally, we believe that either Vice President Garner of Secretary Hull will be acceptable to Mr. Roosevelt, rather than to run a third time and to risk wrecking both the New Deal and the Democratic party. Fr. Mr. Roosevelt is probably sufficiently insulated from his immediate following, to know that their love is a cupboard love. What they desire most of all is to hang onto their jobs. His own personal popularity high though it admittedly is, would not save him from defeat at the hands of voters on election day, when the bald fact of a third term became the main issue.

We have never believed that Americans, except those who are the immediate beneficiaries of New Deal spending, would for a moment support a third term for any president. Neither the Democratic or Republican party is so poor in men of presidential stature, that it becomes vital to the country's wellbeing to elect a president for a twelve year period. Were the country that much lacking in material for the presidentail office, of course, it would be high time we did elect a dictator for life.

President Roosevelt will have spent about 15 billion more dollars during his regime of eight years than any other president in the country's history. Quite naturally he is popular. Every one of those 15 billion dollars, as a matter of hard fact, has been an investment in votes. But still we do not believe 15 billion dollars is enough to buy the allegiance of the majority of the electorate. There are still, we think, tax payers enough in the country to beat a third term candidate.

These tax payers who have not yet joined the WPA or are not yet enrolled in the SRA, have noted that their tax bills during Mr. Roosevelt's regime have doubled. In fact a family man who earns $1500 now pays in direct and indirect taxes an average of $135 of it to various tax gatherers and before the advent of the New Deal he paid but $70 odd. There are plenty of bemused and befuddled people, who will listen to the White House seraph over the radio, recounting in golden tones the old story of how one third of the population is ill housed, ill fed and ill clothed. But the practical question that should arise now, is just how much better off is this one third after all of Mr. Roosevelt's seven years of debt-burdening experiment?

It is well enough to listen to the President on the radio, even though the listener has been obliged to sell his own radio set in order to buy milk for the baby, and must now hang around a drug store radio to hear the dulcet voice, telling again that Roosevelt is in the White House and "God's in His Heaven." But why not give a casual glance at the tax bills? Why not compare Roosevelt's first year with the last, and note the face, that whereas then there were approximately 10 million unemployed there are still 10 million unemployed today.

We note that both the President and the First Lady are now boldly saying what they think of Russia, giving the young communists, a good scolding. Both have done more than any two persons in the United States to encourage the subversive activity of communists throughout this country, not by what they did or said, but what they omitted to do and say. It was

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HALLET ASKS, SHOULD ARMORY HALL BE SOLD?

At intervals during the past few years, propositions have been made relative to selling the Armory Hall lot. There are many who are opposed to any action of this kind since the Armory Hall is the only large public meeting hall in the city. However, there are many who believe that the best interests of the fire department would be served by the sale of the property.

In the open letter following, Chief Herbert S.. Hallett.. expresses.. his views:

Dear Friends:

The Nevada City Fireman have at times been approached by persons who were interested in the purchase of the Armory Hall lot. About eight years ago the former owners of the hall announced their plan of selling the building and stated that if it was sold that it would no longer be available as a public hall. The Firemen then took it over, as an independent group, not as a city department.

The Hall is unquestionably a historic landmark of this City and its only large public meeting hall. The Firemen borrowed the money to buy the hall and besides paying off that loan we have spent much more money in repairing and improving the building.

The Hall is now in better condition than when we bought it but many Firemen now believe that it would be best for them to dispose of the property. However, we do not want to do this without warning or without giving every opportunity to have it taken over locally if there is any desire shown by anyone to do that.

Therefore, before we enter into any definite agreement to sell the property to anyone who might buy it, possibly only for the land and who might wreck the building or change its present use, we want to give any and every organization or individual in Nevada City the opportunity of taking over the property and maintaining it as a public hall. We will defer action on a pending proposition to February 29, 1940, in order to consider replies to this letter

I have been authorized to write you this letter and to suggest that you let me know if you, independently, or in conjunction with any others, would be interested in acquiring the Armory Hall. The only purpose of this letter is to state that the Firemen believe that the maintenance of the hall is beyond our duties and functions as Firemen, that we have maintained the hall for the past eight years, are willing to take credit for that service, and are now ready to relinquish the ownership.

Again: We want to give the people of Nevada City every opportunity to take over Armory Hall. If there is no response to this statement, we shall feel that no one else is interested in the hall and that we are free to sell it if an opportunity appears.

Very truly yours,
HERBERT S. HALLETT
Chief, Nevada City Fire Department.

NEVADA CITY ELKS BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY SWEDES

Nevada City Elks basketball committee has arranged for a special exhibition game with Olson's Swedes, one of the most famous basketball teams barnstorming in the country, at the Nevada City high school gym Wednesday, February 28, it was announced recently.

The Swedes have claimed the world's professional championship numerous times and are noted for their bewildering and entertaining style of play. The Elks, who recently lost a close game to the Sioux City Ghosts, are first-half champions of the Inter-City league.

Rebekah Sewing Club Has Meet Wednesday

Ten members of the Rebekah Sewing Club met at the home of Mrs. Forrest Risley Wednesday afternoon for a delightful afternon of sewing and fancy work. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. Mrs. Pauline Stephens is secretary of the club.

Karl Kopp, who has been ill for a few days, was up and about his home Sunday and is feeling improved in health.

STORY OF JAMES OTT'S FIRST ASSAY OF COMSTOCK LODE; FLY SPECK THAT COST $3500 TOLD BY DAN C. STEWART

The following story of the first assays of the fabulous Comstock lode and of the high price of the fly speck that cost $3500 is told by Dan C. Stewart of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Following closely in the wake of our first discovery of gold in quartz came the assayer—the man who determined the value of mineral in the rocks. Such a man was James J. Ott, who came to California from Switzerland, settled in Nevada City, and went into the work of assaying. He was soon recognized as an expert in that line, and continued in the assay business until the time of his death in 1907, at the age of 83. His work was then taken over by his son, Emil J. Ott, who has continued the assay business up to the present time, thus making a record of 86 years continuous assaying by the same family, and at the same location in Nevada City.

At the time of the discovery of the famous Nevada state mining district, Jas. Ott made the first assay and was credited with telling the world of the wonderful values of the ores. This caused the excitement over the famous silver Comstock mines of Nevada state, which soon became one of the great mining districts of the west.

Mr. Ott was always helping the prospector, and started many of them on the road to success. He spent a small fortune in the development of prospects.

In 1863, when the Meadow Lake excitement took place in Nevada county and a city of 10,000 sprang up in a short time, assays of ore were made by many assayers, but Ott insisted that everything was over-rated, and this eventually proved correct. The excitement soon vanished and the people left in a hurry. Looking into the deserted house, one could see the furniture as it was hurriedly abandoned and also billiard balls and cues still left on the billiard tables in saloons when the inhabitants left.

Meadow Lake (Sterling City,) has been a ghost town for many years. The lake is the property of the P. G. & E. Co,. and is close to the spot of a great gold rush.

Meadow Lake district lies at an elevation of 7200 feet and is credited with having the heaviest fall of snow in the west; some claim in the world. Records show that forty feet on the level has fallen in one season; 25 and 30 feet falls are a common occurrence.

The heavy fall of snow in this section, year after year, finally reduced the city to ruins.

In 1884, the famous hydraulic mining injunction by Judge Lorenzo Sawyer, closed down hydraulic mines but before closing the famous North Bloomfield mine, also called the Malakoff, made a clean up said to be a 40 day run. An extra furnace and extra mold was made at the mine for this run, and one bar of gold was cast, the largest on record. It weighed 517½ pounds, and was valued at $116,000. This bar was sent to Nevada City and was on display on the sidewalk in front of the express office all one morning. It was impossible for two men to lift it from the walk. It was then sent to San Francisco by Wells Fargo. This bar was assayed by James Ott. The bar was also on display or exhibit in San Francisco several weeks before taking it to the mint.

To weigh the resulting bead from an assay test, which is a mere speck, from ore probably amounting to ten to twenty cents per ton, requires very accurate balance, one capable of weighing 1/500 of a milligram. A balance so delicate that if you took a small piece of paper and weighed it, then wrote your name on the paper and weighed it again, it would tell you exactly what the lead that you wrote your name with weighed with perfect accuracy.

Mr. E. J. Ott has in his office a small receptacle which contains a speck of gold taken from each fire assay made for the past 33 years. This accumulation amounts to but $13, and was taken from over 100,000 assays. If the gold from a test can be seen, it can be weighed.

Mr. Ott tells the following incident, which he claims is an actual fact and quite amusing:

The Pioneer Chlorination Works were located in Nevada City and operated by Mr. A. Maltman for many years. He bought all the sulphides from the big mining companies here at that time, such as the North Star, Empire, Idaho, Providence, Champion and many others. One day Mr. Maltman came into Ott's office and said, "Ott, what does a fly speck weigh?" Ott replied, "I don't know," then Mr. Maltman said, "It has just cost me $3,600 to find out." He went on to explain how it happened. He had bought 180 tons of sulphide from one of the mines and made many assays from the balance, and computing the weight in milligrams, the gold obtained by assaying gave 4 ounces per ton. He questioned whether it was 4 or 5 ounces and when he looked again it was five milligrams or 5 ounces of gold per ton. The balance door should always be closed, but in his hurry, Maltman forgot and left it open, and in the interval of questioning the amount, a fly flew in and left a speck on the balance (unknown to Mr. Maltman) and when he looked the second time and recalculated it was 5 ounces to the ton. The fly speck weighed 1 milligram or one ounce of gold to the ton. At the present value of gold it would be worth $35 per ton, practically $6,300.

Maltman bought and paid for the concentrates, and not until his clean up did he discover his mistake. He took his loss cheerfully, never telling anyone but his old friend, J. J. Ott, about his enemy, the fly, but safe to say he kept the balance door shut after that.

ELEMENTARY P. T. A. TO GIVE CARD PARTY TONIGHT AT SCHOOL

The Elementary P. T. A. card party, tonight, will be given as a means of providing finances for the library of the local elementary school.

Committee chairmen have been preparing this week for the event which will include bridge, whist, mah jongg and Chinese checkers. The party will be held in the auditorium of the school and the doors will be open promptly at 8 o'clock.

Prizes will not only be awarded for the card games, according to the committee, but there will also be a door prize.

Forrest Risley Will Move to New Quarters

Forrest Risley, who conducts a cleaning, dyeing and remodeling shop in the Masonic building on Pine street, has rented the store space vacated by Bolton's variety store His business has grown until he needs a larger space to conduct it.

Mr. and Mrs. Risley came to Nevada City in 1932 and he first opened a cleaning and remodeling establishment in the Bost Building on Lower Broad street for two years. Since coming here they have built a home on Prospect Hill and take a keen interest in their lovely yard and garden. Mrs. Risley is prominent in lodge affairs in this city.

Epworth League Will Attend Chico Meeting

Members of the Nevada City Chapter of the Epworth League will attend a convention to be held at Chico on Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18. Plans call for leaving the Methodist church in this city Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, where transportation will be waiting.

County Officials Enjoy Holiday Motor Outing

Monday was a holiday for court house officials and several enjoyed motor trips, one party being Deputy County Recorder Mrs. Ann Tucker, Miss Gertrude Wilde, Mrs. Ida Guenther and Mrs. John Muscardini, who spent the day visiting in Sacramento.

B. A. Club Will Have Annual Dinner Party

The twelve members of the B. A. Club will enjoy an annual dinner party at the Navajo Inn in Grass Valley today. There will be a one o'clock dinner and business affairs of the club to discuss. Members of the club are also members of Mistletoe Circle, Companions of the Forest.

MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT

Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen and Deputy Sheriff John Muscardini made an official visit to Stockton yesterday.

SOFGE WILL SOUND MERCHANT OPINION ON JULY 4 AFFAIR

H. F. Sofge, secretary of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, will soon interview merchants of this city in order to sound out sentiment concerning financing the 4th of July celebration here.

Preliminary plans call for the sum of $800 to be used to defray the cost of the fete. Sofge said if the merchants were not willing to contribute the necessary funds some other body will have to take it over. Two years ago the celebration was sponsored by E. Clampus Vitus.

CHMA TO START DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS HERE

Chairman A. C. Presley, Jr. of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce CHMA membership drive has begun the campaign for new members in this city.

Committee members Thomas Lawrence, Dr. Walter Hawkins, Bert Foreman, Carrol Coughlin, Dr. John Topic and Fred Garrison, Jr. are expecting Nevada City to lead in the membership roll because of the manifold advantages that this community will receive from the resumption of hydraulic mining, Nevada City is the jumping off place to all the major hydraulic locations in the district and is the logical supply depot for the region.

The committee hopes that Nevada City will enlist 250 or more members.

Grass Valley under the sponsorship of the Lions Club has reached over the 200 mark in membership. Auburn has promised 250 members and when the officials of that organization attended a meeting of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Mining Committee in that city several weeks ago, they promised at least 1,000 new members.

The membership fee for the year, which includes the "Hydraulic Miner"—the association's publication, is one dollar. The dollar goes to support what has been called the most successful promotional organization in the history of this area.

Congressman Harry L. Englebright of Nevada City has been leading the fight for resumption of hydraulicking in the Congress. Evidence of his success is the three huge debris dams now in the process of construction.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN GIVE HOBBY TALKS AT NIGHT MEETING

The Nevada County Branch of the American Association of University Women met last night at the home of Mrs. Belknap Goldsmith to hear various members discourse on the use of spare time.

Mrs. George Legg gave a talk on her special hobby of stone cutting and polishing. Mrs. Legg is experienced and well informed in all phases of this pastime and her talk was of much value and interest to everyone.

Other members of the association told of how they utilized their leisure time to develop hobbies that are educational and useful as well as interesting. The program was under the chairmanship of Mrs. DeWitt Nelson.

The hobby talks were followed by a refreshment and social period.

LADIES AID SOCIETY ELECTS DELEGATES

At the Ladies Aid Society meeting Wednesday afternoon the following delegates were elected. Mrs. Jesse Johnston, Mrs. Ray Murchie, Mrs. Helen Phariss. Alternates Mrs. Paul J. Snyder, Mrs. John McQuay, Mrs. David Ralston to attend the provisional district meeting held in the First Methodist church, Sacramento, February 26.

Jack Griffiths Arrives From Near Yuba Pass

Jack Griffiths, state highway employee came down from near Yuba Pass yesterday to pay income tax in the office in Grass Valley. He stated there was 30 inches of snow on Yuba Pass.

Mrs. Everett Kessler of North San Juan spent Monday here visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Calvin.

PLENTY OF SNOW COVERS SIERRA SKI COURSES

Storms over the past week have brought the season's rainfall at Nevada City to 29.11 inches and another storm is approaching to reach this city sometime tonight. Snow fell at Nevada City Wednesday evening for the first time this season, and melted as it struck the earth. The storm turned into rain in the lower sections. There was an inch of snow on Town Talk ridge and ski fans are delighted with prospects of skiing and ice skating at the higher elevations.

There are 18 inches of new snow at the Nevada City ski course east of this city, the first since completion of the course. It is expected snow enthusiasts will visit the course from all over the Sacramento Valley. The snow is settling over the runways and skiers should find the course in good condition. This ski course was built by the Tahoe national forest and money donated by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, CCC boys supplied the labor.

The last storm brought 24 inches of new snow to Donner Summit and it now registers 93 inches. Chains are needed on cars.

Reports from other points give the following snow depths. Tahoe City, 13 inches, Brockway 13 inches and many of the roads open. Truckee has 14 inches of snow; about 30 inches at the Junction of the Tahoe Ukiah and U. S. 40; 24 inches at Steep Hollow. The Yuba Pass is open and there are 18 inches of snow at Sierra City, 10 inches at Sattley and four inches at Downieville.

Temperatures during early evening hours at Donner Summit and Blue Canyon are 20 and 26 degrees above zero, respectively, which should give excellent ice skating. Rainbow Tavern has had an excellent rink this season and throngs have been flocking there for thsi delightful sport.

Leland Smith, assistant forest supervisor, and E. M. Stone, dispatcher, from the local headquarters, Tahoe national forest, went to the Big Bend ranger station Wednesday to start marking ski trails and to take snow measurements. A two foot fall of new snow during the night prevented starting the work and this work will be postponed.

ROBERTS JURY TRIAL SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY

The first jury trial of the year in which William R. Roberts, charged with failure to provide for his minor children, will be tried on his plea of not guilty has been set for next Tuesday, February 20.

Thomas R. Richardson was appointed counsel for the defendant by the court. District Attorney Vernon Stoll will conduct the prosecution.

The following jury was drawn on Tuesday in the superior court for the trial.

Nevada Township: Leroy F. Whitney, Henry Adams, Herbert J. Skeahan, Alvin Welch, Edward T. Bonner, Rudolph J. Berggren, Emily I. Kyler, Will W. Davis, Harold S. Anderson, John Bankus, Burt L. Syms.

Grass Valley Township: John E. Keegan, Ethel I. Feemster, Lillian Irene Eldridge, Julia A. Parsons, Vinita A. Jones, John Thomas, Eunice P. Casey, Charles Faulkner, Mildred S. Nobs, Fred J. Mounday, Jr., Ann Bennallack, Jennie Hamilton.

Rough and Ready Township: Ben Taylor, Walter P. Fleming, Eric T. Ravn.

Bridgeport Township: John W. Colman, Winifred O. Woodruff.

Meadow Lake Township: Ida Dorothy Tucker.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCES EXAMS.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced the following examinations, applications to be on file by March 4th, from states east of Colorado, and March 17th, from Colorado and westward:

Federal Communciations Commission: Radio Inspector, $2,600 a year.

Various Departments: Assistant Radio Inspector, $2,000 a year.

Additional information and applications may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

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"Isms"

(Author Unknown)

SOCIALISM:—If you have 2 cows, you give one to your neighbor.

COMMUNISM:—If you have 2 cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you the milk.

FASCISM:—If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the government; and the government sells you the milk.

NEW DEALISM:—If you have 2 cows you shoot one and milk the other, then you pour the milk down the drain.

NAZISM:—If you have 2 cows the government shoots you and keeps the cows.

CAPITALISM:—If you have 2 cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Jobs, Profits, Opportunity!

"We have learned the lesson that when opportunities for profit diminish, opportunities for jobs likewise disappear."

These words happen to be the formal declaration of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, but any other group sincerely interested in the well-being of the United States could utter them at this time with equal logic. For the "lesson" mentioned is one that has been taught over and over again in the course of the depression years through which this country has passed.

Business, whether the "business" in question happens to be farming, running a manufacturing enterprise, or performing some other legitimate function in our economy, is the real source of jobs. Unfriendliness towards those who produce the nation's goods, accompanied by constant misunderstanding of business motives, strikes at the roots of the job-making opportunities in this country.

It's a truth that becomes evident as soon as it's thought over on a common-sense basis. But at the same time it's a truth that will bear plenty of emphasis.

Labor's representatives serve progress by affirming their belief in the profit system at this time.

A Lesson In Americanism

Communist Leader Earl Browder has been sentenced to prison for four years for traveling under forged passports. He will have time, therefore, to ponder the important difference between the way things are done in the land of his origin—America—and the land he seems to think is so much better—Russia.

If the Red chief is a thoughtful man, he might well begin by pondering what would have happened to him if he had been a Russian in Moscow and had advocated that the Soviet change over to a democratic form of government based on the American pattern. Granted he was given a trial at all, it would be a political show, in which he would be prosecuted for his democratic beliefs, and be "liquidated" within 24 hours.

The trial at which he was convicted in New York City recently was of a far different order. The jury was not concorned with the point that the defendant was a Communist; the prosecutor stuck closely to proof of the fact that Browder had used American passports illegally—in other words, that he had abused his privilege of citizenship. This was the only ground upon which the man was convicted, and he was allowed to speak at great length in his own defense. Compared with Browder's oratorical flight and his claim of being "persecuted" for his political color, the summation of the case by the district attorney is an object lesson in real Americanism and real justice. Here is what he had to say about Browder:

"He has made a mockery of everything we hold dear—the sacred right of passport by which the American citizen travels abroad with the protection of the United States government; the proofs of citizenship in birth certificates and naturalization papers that were tampered with so that this man could visit Moscow on passports in the name of others.

"Our country is not a laughing stock. It is not to be made a joke of, nor are its passport laws to be taken into Browder's abusive hands for reasons of his own selfish interests. The American people have a sense of humor but the time has come to put a stop to this prostitution of the right of safe conduct abroad."

The Communist leader will have plenty of time to ponder the duties and obligations of American citizenship in the day that lie ahead.—Contributed.

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America's Four Hundred

Already, doubtless, soap-box orators are making great capital of figures released by the U. S. Treasury last week showing that 400 American men and women were paid salaries of $75,000 or more during 1938. Those statistics are ready-made ammunition for the rhetorical artillery of radicals—for their cry that such "unequal division" of national income is the explanation of all economic ills. But another financial story, which wouldn't interest the long-haired rabble-rousers, and which broke the same day in Washington, D. C., dwarfs that "fabulous four hundred" news to insignificance, and is cause for grave concern to every American who owns a home, has a job, and is trying to save for his future. That story is this: American governmental bureaucacy — federal, state, county, municipal—has built up a tax paid salary payroll numbering six million, nine hundred and two thousand persons and amounting to seven billion, nine hundred and twenty- six million dollars in that same year of 1938!

And in those figures may be read America's serious social problem—from the financial standpoint. The combined annual incomes of those 400 top-salaried movie stars, business executives and industrial company heads wouldn't meet the governmental payroll for two days! Confiscation of their salaries would cure nothing, nationally — and, for that matter, many of them aren't to be greatly envied. Their positions, generally, are hazardous and short-lived. A movie star of today may be, four or five years hence, a has-been—looking for "bit" parts or living on whatever income surtax collector of the prosperous days has left him. The business executive must earn his income or get out—while the governmental bureaucracy spend billions in taxpayers' money, without having to prove efficiency or show results. Compared with the Frankenstein bureaucracy and its eight-billion dollar annual handout, America's "four hundred" are a tiny corporal's guard, and their "piled up" share of the national income is a meager handful of small change.—Colusa Times.

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only a week or so ago that Mrs. Roosevelt attended personally a Dies hearing in order to comfort some of the leaders of this subversive group, who were witnesses before the Dies committee. That these young ingrates, booed both her and her husband, when they dared to say that Russia was the brutal aggressor against Finland, or words to that effect, is not at all surprising. The truth is of course, that these young sprigs of Stalinism, have no loyalties of any kind, neither to the government of the United States, or to the President and his wife. If somehow or other they could be transferred to Moscow, we have not a doubt in the world they would boo Stalin. And that would be their last boo.

The policy of all communists in this country is to disrupt the normal functions of the government. There is no question in the mind of any unbiased observer that Mr. Roosevelt nationally, and Mr. Olson in California have received the support of communists. These eminent men may not be to blame. But we will venture to say that if Mr. Roosevelt had declared himself respecting the merits of the Stalin regime, during the first part of his double term, as he did the other day on the White House portico, he could at least now disavow the stigma of having enormously encouraged all the radical elements in the nation. Governor Olson, has apparently not yet reached the conclusion that communist support is nowadays equivalent to the "kiss of death." Mr. Roosevelt as usual is several laps ahead of Mr. Olson, politically speaking.

"SWANEE RIVER" REVIVES FAMED MINSTREL DAYS

"Gentlemen, be seated!"

That cordial command, uttered to the jovial ringing of a tambourine, brings back all the warmth and gaiety of the great days of minstrelsy. The black faced jesters, in their resplendent satin togs, are revived in all their glory in "Swanee River," the story of Stephen C. Foster, the great American troubadour, produced by 20th Century Fox in Technicolor and featuring Don Ameche (as Foster), Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson at the Nevada Theatre on Sunday.

And few settings could be as appropriate, for those unforgettable songs of Foster's that set the very heart of America to music—"The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," and many others, were introduced to the public by E. P. Christy, the minstrel king of Foster's colorful day.

The role of Christy brings Jolson back to his earliest beginnings, for Al had one of his first jobs with Lew Dockstader's Minstrels.

It was Christy to whom the then unknown Stephen Foster sold for $15 "The Old Folks at Home"—now America's No. 1 folk tune and the most widely sung song in the whole world. This munificent sum also entitled Christy to use his own name as composer-author, which he did. But later editions corrected this inaccuracy.

SCOOP THURMAN
At the State Capitol

A bill which will eliminate the lien clause in old age pensions was passed in the lower house last week.

Also a similar bill in the form of a constitutional amendment was passed in the assembly. Your assemblyman was a co-author of both bills.

Last week the senate and assembly committees on social welfare held joint sessions on the relief bills which began on Wednesday and ran over the week end. Many witnesses, including state SRA officials, appeared befor the committee, speaking in behalf of state administration as well as proponents of the plan to return the administration of relief to the counties. The writer attended several of the hearings, although not a member of this particular committee. We desired to secure all of the first hand information that we could so that when the relief bills appear on the floor of the assembly we will have most of the facts before us as we cast our vote.

Speaking very frankly the writer believes that if the legislature could take the "racket" out of relief, and relief out of "politics," we might get some place and at the same time might save the state of California some money. Led by communistic and radical labor groups there is definitely too much racket in relief. We listened to their leaders demand the $95,500,000 relief appropriation before the committee last week. And some of their demands contained threats. There was no constructive arguments in their talk, whatsoever. It was just a case of we demand it and you pay it. When it was shown that some people on relief receive more money than they did in private employment, they weren't at all interested. They wouldn't stand for any ceiling being placed and they opposed the three-year residence clause which is being proposed.

And speaking of the "racket" in relief, what do you think of this? An SRA official recently went into a county where the welfare board was handling the situation and where there were no state relief cases. The SRA agent asked the privilege of installing a desk in the county welfare office. The welfare agent in charge asked the question. "Why do you want to put a desk in my office, we have no relief clients here?" "Oh, that's all right," replied the SRA agent, "we'll go and find some cases."

Looking for cases to help fill up the case load. And they say there is no racket in relief. And it was the communistic influence which resulted in a relief program being instituted in a county which was getting along nicely without SRA.

And here is a paragraph from a twelve page letter mailed to members of the legislature by the Los Angeles chapter SRA, California State Employees's Association:

"7—The present philosophy of the administration in SRA is: We have no interest in sving the taxpayers' money; our job is to take care of the client."

The twelve page document contained much startling information and as an aftermath two of the signers were called before the head of the Los Angeles SRA and were discharged. Fired because they did their duty in informing the members of the legislature what was going on in relief. However, the dicharge papers were later counter-manded by the State Relief Administrator. The racketeers in relief will not allow American citnzens the right to disagree and tell the legislators what they believe to be wrong with relief in California.

Speaking of politics in relief, it is filled with politics. To properly discuss this particular evil of the administration of relief it would take more space than is available for this weekly letter.

Last week on the floor of the assembly very definite proof was submitted showing that there is politics in relief. A letter written by the secretary of a political committee seeking contributions for his party, was read by Assemblyman Kepple. The letter was addressed to SRA employees in Los Angeles and other counties. The letter practically demanded a monthly contribution because of the fact the recipient of the letter was a state employee. The letter sad to relate, was written by a fellow assemblyman who also is secretary of his county central committee. Needless to say, the reading of the letter, which was ordered printed in the Assembly Journal, came like a bomb shell upon the floor of the assembly.

And, just to keep the record straight and to prove that until the present relief administration took over the job there was little politics in relief, under the former (Merriam) administration, in San Francisco county alone, at the time of the November election in 1938, the registration of the SRA employees was as follows: 82 per cent Democratic, 12 per cent Republican and six per cent other parties.

So whatever relief bill is passed by the present legislature you can rest assured that they will endeavor to take the "racket" out of relief and relief out of "politics." And if this is done perhaps those on relief and those who pay the bill will both get a better break all around.

Just a word about the proposal to return the administration of relief to the counties. It is still a question before the house and it is not certain that this particular bill will pass. However, your assemblyman has received numerous letters favoring the bill. Also some, usually signed by "politicians," who are opposed to the return of relief to the counties. Three Farm Bureaus in our large assembly district favor the proposal and they likewise favor the posting of the names of all persons on relief.

The Democratic County Central Committee of Inyo in a letter to Senator Brown and the writer, is on record favoring the return of relief to the counties. The following we quote from the letter:

"Believing that all matters pertaining to the functioning of relief might be handled in a way which would result in a saving of the taxpayers as well as a more beneficial operation, the committee was unanimous in its belief that the jurisdiction should be placed in the hands of the county officials."

Washington Snapshots

By JAMES PRESTON

Curiosity killed the cat, but government apparently thrives on it.

Government's inquisitive tendency is a familiar matter to farmers and businessmen who spent a substantial part of their time answering questions. But this year the public is going to become conscious of these matters, too, for the census taker will soon be ringing doorbells again.

The 1940 census will be the most comprehensive ever undertaken by any government. It is going to seek a lot of answers that, if they are sensibly interpreted, can be very helpful. On the other hand, among the 50 questions the American housewife will answer this time there will be found some to which pretty good answers already exist.

On a small scale then, the average citizen is about to experience a phenomenon that the man who is trying to run a business, keep up production and employment, and earn a small profit runs into just about every day of the "working week."

In the past five years, duplication of the questions asked by government commissions and agencies has proved a sore point to many a company that is trying to get its work done. The curiosity of government has meant that employees have had to be delegated to he non-productive work of answering questionnaires; it has meant that the orderly processes of work have had to be slowed up while checkups on it have been made; and it has meant that business must keep voluminous records that have no earthly use once they have satisfied the curiosity of the particular government agency or commission in question.

Of course, there is a valuable and necessary function to be performed by government in finding out answers to pertinent questions about business, about agriculture, and about various other sections of the American economy. But the observer, observing multiplicity and purlication and, frequently, just plain chaos, can't help asking one short question on his own hook:

"Exactly how much of all this curiosity is necessary and how much represents nothing more than a love of asking questions?"

William Celio, Retired Merchant, Recovering

The many friends of William B. Celio, retired pioneer merchant of Nevada City, will be pleased to learn that he was able to sit up for the first time Wednesday at Jones Memorial Hospital where he was moved by ambulance ten days ago. He is making a good recovery and should be home before long.

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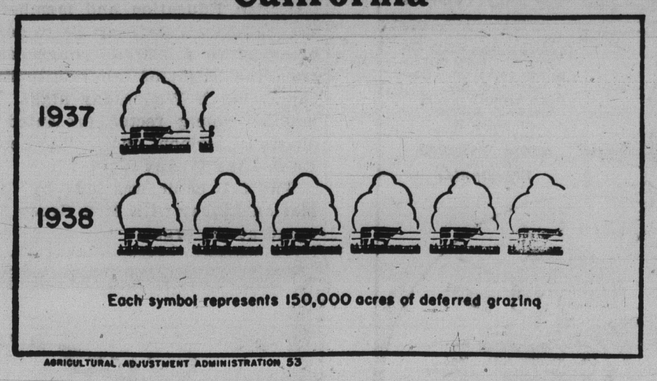

Range Conservation Needed, Says County AAA Committee

The need for more range conservation in this county and methods by which ranchers can improve the range lands through the AAA range program were emphasized by C. J. Rolph, Jr., chairman of the Nevada County Agricultural Conservation Committee, today in a discussion of practices available for 1940.

"The coming year will be the fifth in which ranchers of this county have cooperated in the range problem in efforts to improve their grass lands," Rolph pointed out.

"Much more conservation is needed on our ranges," he said. "While ranchers have been increasing their conservation work under the program since its beginning, we still have a long way to go.

"Dates for the deferred grazing practice in this county are February 16 to June 15 for range below 1500 feet altitude, and March 15 to July 15, for range above 1500 feet. Through this practice, ranchers keep livestock off a portion of the range until the grass matures, allowing range grasses to reseed by natural means.

"Recent modifications have been made in the program so that supplemental practices to deferred grazing will be more adaptable to individual ranching units," Rolph explained.

"This year's program gives a rancher plenty to choose from in the way of needed conservative measures. These supplemental practices include fencing, water development, erosion control, fireguards, removal of competitive plant sand weeds, and rodent control."

For California as a whole, there has been a material increase in the use of deferred grazing. In 1938, there were nearly 865,000 acres devoted to this practice as compared to 174,000 acres in 1937.

"We will be glad to explain the program to any rancher and to show him how it applies to his particular operations," Rolph said. "It is our hope that all ranchers will take advantage of the opportunities under the program to conserve their soil, to secure the maximum use of their ranges and to increase the productivity of their ranges over a long period of time.

"Since in 1940 the program year has been changed to end August 31, 1940, ranch operators are urged to request approval of practices early this spring in order that they may be carried out before the end of the program year."

"Interested ranchers should come into the county office as soon as possible so that they can avail themselves of all the practices which are usable between now and August 31, when practices must be completed."

WOMEN'S CLUB OF CAMPTONVILLE SEEKS ROAD IMPROVEMENT

CAMPTONVILLE, Feb. 15.—The Womens Club of Camptonville held a special meeting last Thursday afternoon for the purpose of taking action relative to road improvement in this section. One resolution was passed asking the State Highway Commission when they start to improve the Yuba Pass Highway that the first improvement should be made on the most crooked part of said highway from this place to Freeman's Crossing, and they sent a message to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors urging them to pass a similar resolution to the same effect.

In regard to road conditions between this place and the county seat, the following resolution was drafted and sent to the Marysville Chamber of Commerce and the Marysville Merchants Association.

"A deplorable condition exists in the fact that there is no fit road or highway for the citizens and taxpayers of the Camptonville area of Northern Yuba County to travel to Marysville, the county seat, on, and

It is almost more deplorable to realize that the business people of the city of Marysville are not any more interested in the patronage of the people of this section than not to put forth an effort to correct this condition,

Whereas, it is a fact that there is a movement working for a new highway from Marysville to this section embodied in the Yuba-Sierra Joint Highway District, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that this organization, the Womens Club of Camptonville goes on record requesting the Marysville Merchants Association and the Chambers of Commerce to take some definite action for a new road or highway into this section, particularly from Dobbins north."

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the club and copy was sent to both the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association.

The resolution to the highway commission dwelled on the fact that local school children are transported on the crooked Yuba Pass highway and that this road is a menace to their safety and lives. The road improvement committee is composed of Mrs. F. W. Meggers, Mrs. Richard R. Pfiffer and Mrs. Olive Groves.

The club further expressed appreciation to the Nevada City people for their cooperation and past efforts in an endeavor to get the Yuba Pass highway straightened out.

Stephen Edens Receive St. Valentine Present

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Eden of Indian Fat, in the Nevada City Sanitarium, Thursday, February 14, 1940, a son weighing six pounds, 14 ounces. The arrival of this young son comes as a Valentine gift to his parents as he was born shortly after midnight Wednesday morning.

SPRING STYLES PREVIEWED AT FASHION SHOW

By MURIEL SANDERS
Noted Commentator on Fashions and Modern Home Making

California designed fashions for the spring of 1940 were previewed last week for the benefit retail buyers for stores throughout California who assembled in San Francisco for the Manufacturers and Wholesalers Association's Spring Market Week.

Reversing traditional style show procedure, the sartorial drama opened with the wedding scene, the seasonal style plot unfolding through a synopsis of the fashions a 1940 bride might wear in her life after the ceremony—wearable clothes, distinguished by feminine simplicity and a knowing use of color.

Going away costumes were modeled to portray the coat silhouettes of the season, with streamline torso, waist more easily fitted than last year and the 1940 version of the perenial and flattering box silhouette. The white accented navy blue fitted types, with a flash of red, brought out the pencils of the "number jotters," which means this is a type you'll be seeing stressed in an Easter costume in your local retail stores.

The shorter skirt length was exaggerated in spectator sports costumes and gently flared skirts ending just below the knee bend and topped by smooth hips and fitted jackets. Actually skirt lengths this season are but slightly shorter than last year.

The "Headlines" of fashion were monopolized by high crowned sailors of all varieties—visor, narrow and wide brims—and by gay flowers, foams of veil worn over face and hat and a gamut of color.

Only triumph could be expected from California's merited fashion-famed for design of leisure and play clothes. Expectations were fulfilled by smart, gay and functional play clothes such as montone gingham pinafore play suits buttoning up the back over stripped gingham shirts; slacks suits with tailored in-or-out shirt tops in cottons, sharkskin, flannels and, the new style comer and old favorite wool knit.

Swim suits were feminine, figure-controlling, with smoothly rounded hips and flared gored skirts below the much talked of bare midriff, often topped with cap sleeve bandeau, Beautifully designed knit costumes highlighted the return of this re-styled material that no longer cups and bags at points of wear.

For those who must have French verification for their fashions, this California Designed Fashion show in San Francisco checked with the shortwave fashion summary from Paris that reached the Pacific Coast at noon on the same day.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Marie Costa as executrix of the last will and testament of Louis Pansiero, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, 207 North Pine Street, Nevada City, Nevada County, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Louis Pansiero, Deceased.

Dated, January 24th, 1940.

MARIE COSTA,
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FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. MINERAL APPLICATION NO. 032406

January 25, 1940

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that T. B. ENGLISH, MARGARET J. COUGHLAN, and THE HEIRS OF MRS. C. J. ENGLISH, deceased, all of North Columbia, Nevada County, California, have made application for patent for a placer mining claim situate in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, in the Northwest quarter of Section 4 and the Northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Medidian, described as follows:

ROSE VALLEY PLACER CLAIM, consisting of Lot No. 4, of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and Lots 1 and 2 of Section 5, in Township 17 North, of Range 9 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, containing 54.80 acres, more or less.

That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented.

That the location notice for the Rose Valley Placer Claim is recorded in Book "25" of Mining Claims, at page 492, Records of Nevada County, California.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GENERAL LAND OFFICE, M. A. No. 032400, DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, January 26, 1940. Notice is hereby given that Jerome C. Coughlan of North Columbia, California, has made application for patent for the Frandy-Black Placer Mining Claim in the Columbia Hill Mining District, Nevada County, California, described as follows: Lots 5, and 6, Sec. 4, T. 17 N., R. 9 E., M. D. M., California. That the lands adjoining on the North, South, East and West are patented. The location notice is recorded in Book "27" of Mining Claims, at page 3, Records of Nevada County, California.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF AUTOMOBILE TO SATISFY LIEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 1st, 1940, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the premises known as the Nevada City Garage situate on the north side of Main Street, between Coyote and Nevada Streets, in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, State of California, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States, the hereinafter described automobile to satisfy a lien of the undersigned for storage charges.

The description of the said automobile, together with the amount for which lien is claimed is as follows: Packard Coupe having engine No. 294525, serial No. 298605 and 1939 California registration number 4J1695; registered and legal owner is A. L. Smith, of Ukiah, California; amount of lien $75.00.

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CHAS. W. LEITER.
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SCIENTISTS SAY PLASTIC AGE IS CLOSE UPON US

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

In this topsy-turvy, but highly-inventive, scientifically daring world, wonders never cease.

Just returned from Germany, Dr. Willy Lange, of the basic science research laboratory of the University of Cincinnati, brings back the word that hungry, war-pinched Nazis are now making—of all things—butter from coal!

Many California dairymen, haunted by the spectre of surplus production, undoubtedly would think it more to the point to devise a means of making coal from butter. And such a possibility, in this age of pyramiding scientific phenomena, may not be quite as fantastic as it sounds. For tremendous scientific strides have been made of recent years and months in developing the countless new products.

New "plastic" products, such as combs, pencils, dishes, telephones, insulating materials, cigarette lighters, paper and many other gadgets and necessities, already are being manufactured from numerous surplus and waste materials, including skim milk, rice hulls, straw and tree prunings.

And chemical experts predict that we are entering upon a "plastic age"—an era in which plastics will be basic of most of the things which the world needs and uses. For example, plastic clothing, plastic buildings, plastic furniture—even plastic ships, autos and airplanes—are forecast by some of the more daring chemical research students. In California, plans are under way for the construction of research laboratories and for the use of sugar beet factories during the off-season for the conversion of vegetable tops and stalks into plastic materials.

There is doubtless room for a good deal of argument over how far-reaching the effects of the so-called "plastic age" will be on American agriculture. But one reassuring fact in connection with its advent is that while in Nazi Germany it is the result of the scarcity of war, over here it is a result of the abundance of peace.

Of equal significance is the fact that the theory of "prosperity through scarcity," which was hatched by the Washington "brain trust" some years ago, now seems definitely on the way out—even with its creators. There are many tell-tale indications that killing little pigs and plowing under every other row are to be accepted as yesterday's mistakes, rather than today's policies. And government officials now seem to be looking toward wider dispossible conversion of surpluses into industrial products—as sounder solutions of the problem of too much abundance.

Whether the experiment will fail or succeed only time can tell, but the present Food Stamp Plan for distribution of certain surplus commodities to families on relief is a definite indication that the government is seeking means of increasing consumption, instead of expanding its program of paying farmers to cut down production.

California, incidentally, is to be the laboratory for the first large scale experiments with the Food Stamp Plan. For while the plan has been in operation in a number of small areas throughout the country, the newly inaugurated programs in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties will provide the first broad-gauged test of its effectiveness. Relief families, under the plan, are permitted to buy "orange stamps" for the purchase of food through regular retail stores. With every four such stamps purchased, two "blue stamps" are given—good for the purchase of specified "surplus" foods, such as butter, prunes, grapefruit and dried beans. California farmers—principal producers of many of the "surplus" products—are naturally watching the experiment with deep interest as any workable, practical plan of feeding the needy with surplus commodities would bring relief to farmers and taxpayers as well as reliefers.

Just what the "plastic age," the Food Stamp Plan and other innovations may mean to agriculture is still problematical. But undoubtedly the farming industry in 1950 will be quite a different industry than that of 1940. The old order changeth—even in agriculture, where the sun and the rain, and the man behind the plow are still major factors to be reckoned with.

Mrs. Tom Botting Visits Friend Here Saturday

Mrs. Tom Botting, former Nevada City resident, spent Saturday in Nevada City visiting friends. She came up from the bay district and is visiting for a time with her daughter in Grass Valley.

Mrs. L. E. Armstrong with her son, Dr. E. L. Armstrong, and his wife spent the week end visiting the senior Mrs. Armstrong's sister, Mrs. Iva Williamson at her home on Prospect Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong enjoyed the snow sports while they were here.

"Last night my wife dreamed she was married to a millionaire."

"You're lucky. My wife gets the same idea when she goes shopping."

Rev. Carl Tamblyn Preaches To Large Congregation

Rev. Carl N. Tamblyn, director of Christian Education and member of the cathedral staff at Sacramento, preached to a large congregation from the pulpit of the Trinity Episcopal church Wednesday night. The popular young rector presented an eloquent sermon on: "A Lenten Rule—Has It Any Value?"

The full choir was led by Mrs. Marion Libbey with Mrs. Grace Raymond at the organ.

ELTON TOBIASSEN LOSES MATCH TO STANFORD CAPTAIN

Elton Tobiassen, Davis Agricultural student, who has been training for the boxing event at the college Wednesday evening, was defeated by Captain Jack Rice of Stanford University. Tobiassen holds the welter weight championship for the Davis college and has been practicing hard for the event. The Aggie boxing team however, beat Stanford by five and a half points to three and a half points during the evening. There were 2,500 people in attendance Wednesday evening including many from Nevada City.

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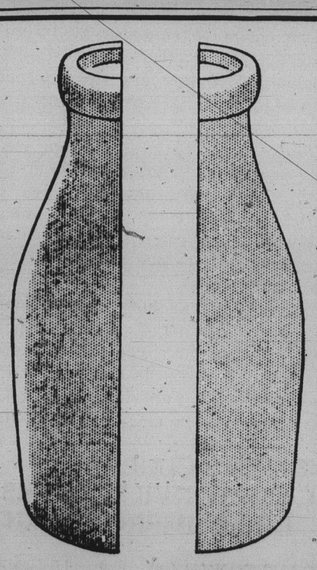

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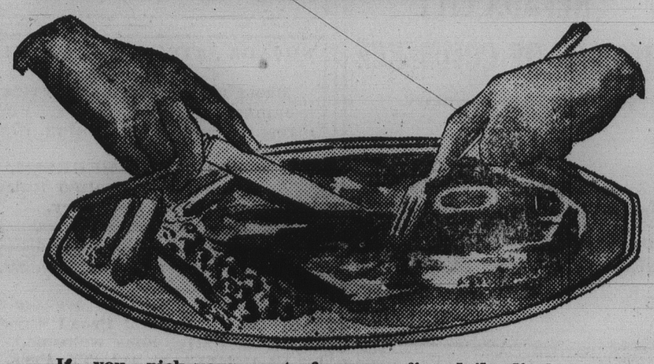

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COURT CALENDAR

The following matters will be heard in the superior court this morning by Judge George L. Jones:

Estates of P. L. McGill, Kate Huckins, Celeta B. Washbrn, deceased. Petition for probate of will.

Guardianship of Arnold P. Crawford, a minor. Petition for letters.

Estate of George P. Bower, deceased. Petition for confirmation of sale of real estate.

Estate of George W. Cooper, deceased. Petition for letters of administration.

Guardianship of Alice Joy Allen, minors. Petition for appointment of guardian.

In the matter of the death of Guy Pratt. Petition to establish presumption of death.

In the matter of the guardianship of Robert Cleveland, minor. Third account.

Clarence H. Hart vs. Marie Hart; Velma Nickel vs. John J. Looser; Carl W. Sahl vs. Finance Co. Alpha Stores vs. F. Ross Croft. Setting causes for trial.

James T. Coughlan vs. Sue Kee Co. Elmer R. Quick vs. Edward R. Martin. Defaults suits to quiet title.

Estates of Grace White Jones, deceased. Final account and petition for distribution.

The People vs. H. Wray Preslar, Walter Wood, L. H. Brown and L. Avery. Arraignments.

The People vs. J. M. Sutton. Report of probation officer.

WILLIAM GRANT RECENT GROOM

CAMPTONVILLE, Feb. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. William O. Grant who recently announced their February 20, 1939 marriage to family members and friends while visiting in Sacramento, are making their home here where Mr. Grant has business interests.

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Freedom of Speech, Press In Danger---Justice Gibson

Courts should not be exempt from criticism in matters of public interest and the course of judicial reform depends in part upon a free and vigorous press "which should not hesitate to condemn where it finds the action of the court subject to condemnation."

These important points were stressed by Justice Phil S. Gibson of the California supreme court in his dissenting opinion given in connection with the contempt proceedings against the Los Angeles Times resulting from editorial comment by that newspaper on court cases.

Justice Gibson, appointed to the supreme court by Governor Culbert L. Olson late last year, joined with Justice Douglas Edmonds in dissenting from the majority opinion which upheld the lower courts' verdict against the Times. The case has attracted wide attention because of the constitutional guarantees involved.

Justice Gibson described the majority decision as having "sacrificed a substantial part of our cherished freedom of speech and press in order to stamp out an evil that does not exist."

In terming the contempt charges brought against the Times by a committee of the Los Angeles Bar Association, a "regrettable mistake" Justice Gibson warned "we should not ignore the growing suspicion that courts are prone to place their own security above all other considerations."

Contempt proceedings were brought after the Times had printed three editorials. One, entitled "Sit-Strikers Convicted" commended the conviction of certain persons in connection with a sit-down strike. Another commented on the political activities of "Queen Helen" Werner and a third, "Probation for Gorillas" opposed granting of probation to defendants found guilty of dealy assaults in connection with labor disputes.

Justice Gibson pointed out that none of the editorials was published "until the verdict of the jury had been rendered after the conclusion of the trial."

"It was not proved that they were intended to exercise a prejudicial influence on the judge, nor that he saw or read them," the decision continued.

Two Limitations

Justice Gibson held that in exercising the power over contempt, to be fairly and reasonably applied, two essential limitations must be recognized. First, it should be applied only to those publications of an unusual and abnormal character which, to a layman, are obviously improper and dangerous, threatening or inciting to violence.

"It should be inapplicable to comments of the usual, normal and expected type which the ordinary intelligent layman constantly meets with in the public press, the radio and informal discussion," Justice Gibson commented.

"Second, it should be applied only where it clearly appears that the publication was intended to reach the particular judge and was seen and read by him; and then only where it was of such a nature as to influence improperly a judge of ordinary firmness."

Justice Gibson pointed out that a judge of ordinary firmness should be a person "of exceptional independence and integrity, immune from all but extraordinary influences."

Newspapers, he held, must fulfill their proper function of criticism and if they fail to comment when a matter si timely, "they will be ignored when their belated observations are eventually made."

DISSENTS

CHIEF JUSTICE PHIL S. GIBSON of the California Supreme Court.

Beverly Phelan Returns To Classes Wednesday

Little Beverley Phelan, who has been quite ill with influenza, was able to return to school on Wednesday, or St. Valentine's day. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phelan.

GIANT KING MINE

The mill at the Giant King mine at Washington started operations last Saturday. It is reported the mill is between 80 and 100 ton daily capacity and is a Bawdry ball mill. C. J. Peterson and brother are in charge of operations. There are ten men employed at the mine.

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Agriculture Official Confers With Lageson

Dr. Harris, state department of agriculture, spent part of Thursday in Nevada City conferring with Agriculture Commissioner L. G. Lageson on some diseased apple trees of this section.

NEWSPAPER MAN BORN

Born on Lincoln's birthday last Monday, February 12 was Lamberto X. Vanzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vanzi of Grass Valley. Bert Vanzi, former war correspondent, who has seen service in China and Spain, declares that the initial "X" marks the spot.

Alleghany Residents Are Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. Clemo of Alleghany were business visitors in Nevada City yesterday. Mr. Clemo is dairyman for the Alleghany section.

G. Cleland Leaves On Trip To South

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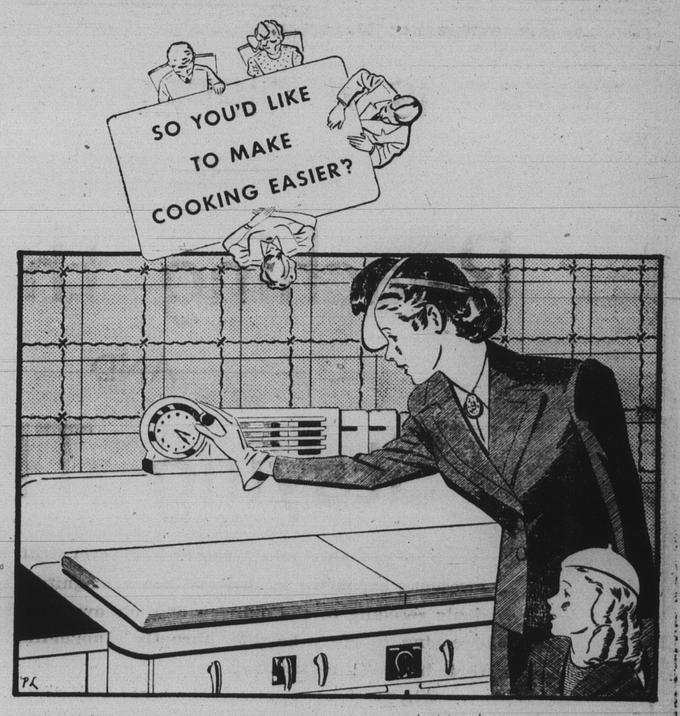

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Fred Garrison Is Meet Delegate

Word has been received that Fred Garrison, who left here the first of this month, has so far recovered from an attack of pneumonia that he was able to take over his duties as highway superintendent in the Woodland-Sacramento area on Monday. On Saturday and Sunday he attended the California State Employees Association meeting in Stockton as a delegate. He has been a delegate from the Peach Bowl chapter eight years in succession.

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Wednesday, February 21 — 7:30 Evening prayer and litany. The rector will address the congregation upon: "Ten Commandments for Peace," The music will be led by the vested choir. Mrs. Grace Raymond will be at the organ and Mrs. Marian Libbey will direct the choir.

H. THOMAS PATEMAN, Rector.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ray Murchie, superintendent. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Guest soloist. Sermon. A Lenten sermon, "Hold Fast," pastor. The public is cordially invited.

Epworth League at 6 p. m. These meetings are inspiring and helpful. Young people are invited to take some active part in the service. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Ten minutes of song service. Vocal solo, Miss Susannah Hawkins. Sermon, "Our Refuge," pastor.

Week Events: The Methodist advance convention in the First Methodist church in Oakland, February 19 beginning at 9 a. m. Those representing the Methodist church of Nevada City will be Rev. and Mrs. David Ralston, Mrs. Ray Murchie, Mrs. John McQuay, Miss Ida Norton and Miss Catherine McQuay. Tuesday the Bible study and prayer hour at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. trustees meeting in the parsonage. All the trustees and those on committees are earnestly requested to be present. There will be important matters presented that need immediate action. Choir practice at 7:30 p. m. All who intend singing in the sacred concert on February 25, kindly be present. Also those who are to sing in the Easter cantata are urged to be present as the various solos, etc., must be assigned at once. Thursday at 7 p. m. in the parsonage th young people's Bible study and prayer hour.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By BARBARA PHARISS

BLOCK N. C. MEETING

The Block N. C. held a meeting Thursday noon. A representation of the Jack Frost woolen mills displayed lettermen sweaters to the boys. No definite choice was made at that time.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club held a meeting Wednesday noon. A homemade candy sale was planned for the game Friday night.

GIRLS LEAGUE DANCE

The Girls' League will give their weekly noon dance Friday on the stage. The Older Girls' Conference will be held on April 1. Nevada City will send seven delegates, at $5 each. The representatives are chosen on the basis of leadership and scholastic abilities. Nevada City will have the privilege of electing the vice-president for the entire conference this year.

TO CHANGE THEME

The Quill staff met Tuesday afternoon to change the theme, which is to be kept a secret. Adrianne Barnhart, editor, asked that all contributions be turned in immediately so that typists may begin their work.

JACKETS VS. PLACERS

Tonight the Nevada City A and B basketball teams will encounter the leaders in the Sierra Foothill league, the Grant Union Pacers, Nevada City teams will be in excellent condition after a strenuous week of practice and hope to give Grant Union a hard fought game. They have slight chance of winning, as the Sacramento teams are especially tough.

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